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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Malcolm G. Smith, Sr.

Application No.: 09/654,542

Filed: September 1, 2000

For: DATA SYSTEM

Examiner: Daniel Felten

Art Unit: 2876

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants request a three-month extension of time from March 21, 2001 to June 21, 2001 and authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee therefor to our deposit account in accordance with the attached Fee Transmittal sheet.

In response to the Office Action mailed , please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following new Paragraph beginning at line 35 of page 10:

Fig. 1 discloses that the card support 3 which moveably supports a data storage card is movable relative to the data head carriage assembly 100, which is fixed, to a location which is accessible by the data head 8. As such, the data head 8 can read and write relative to the data storage medium. In the alternative, the card support 30 may be retained in the position shown by the dashed

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